

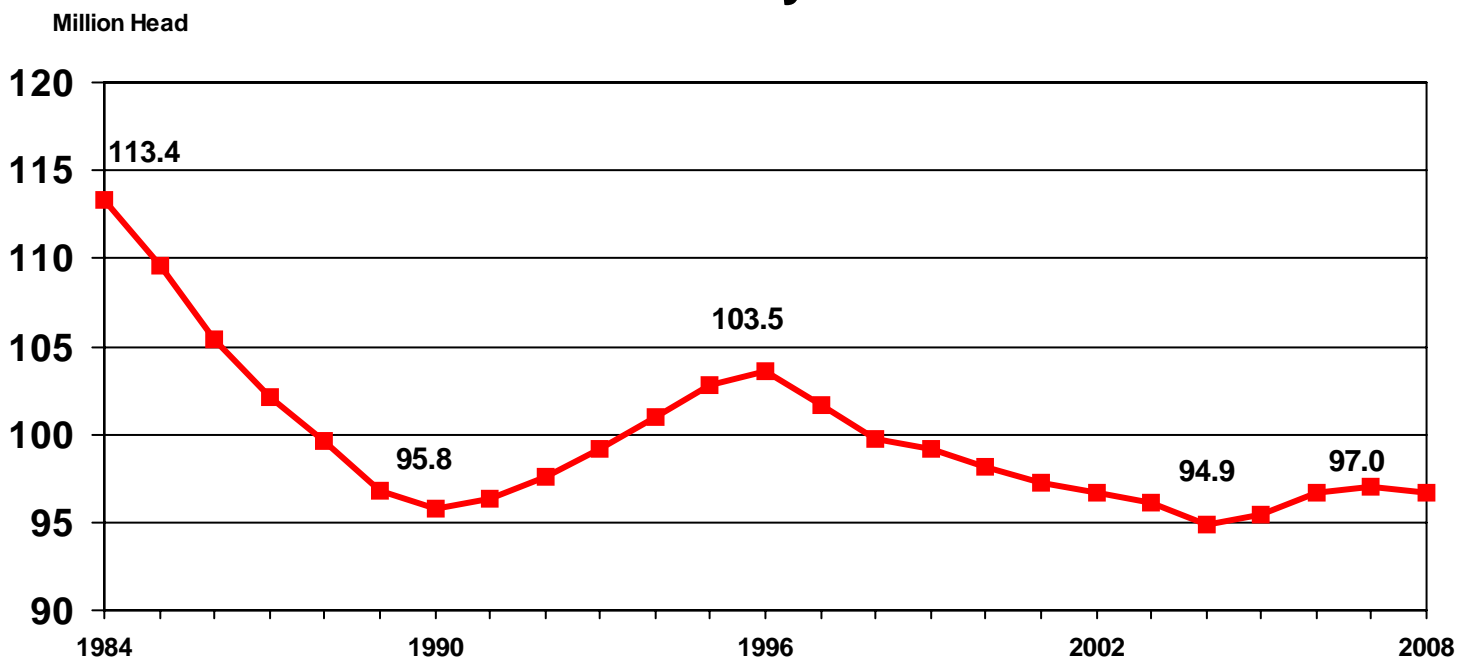


## U.S., MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORIES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,400,000 head on January 1, 2008, down 1 percent from the January 1, 2007 inventory, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The U.S. inventory, at 96.7 million head, was down less than one percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 860,000 head on January 1, 2008, unchanged from last year. Beef cows in the state, at 397,000 head, were down 2 percent and milk cows, at 463,000 head, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 41.8 million head, down less than one percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 32.6 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007 and milk cows, at 9.22 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

## U.S. Cattle Inventory January 1



ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2008 as % of 2007	(Thousands)		2008 as % of 2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
All Cattle & Calves	2,420	2,400	99	97,003	96,669	100
All Cows	860	860	100	42,023	41,777	99
Beef Cows	405	397	98	32,891	32,553	99
Milk Cows	455	463	102	9,132	9,224	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	545	545	100	20,086	20,003	100
Beef Replacement Heifers	100	100	100	5,877	5,670	96
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,568	3,420	
Milk Replacement Heifers	270	270	100	4,310	4,457	103
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,837	2,928	
Other Heifers	175	175	100	9,899	9,876	100
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	460	445	97	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	40	114	2,215	2,207	100
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	520	510	98	15,456	15,378	99
Cattle & Calves on Feed	285	305	107	14,269	14,317	100
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Calf Crop	830	840	101	37,519	37,361	100